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WEATHER

Rain was received over the entire State last week with amounts from near one-half inch in the Panhandle to one to two inches in the south central portion. Temperatures were near normal during the period but turned colder on Sunday.

CROPS

Rainfall received over the State this past week improved crop conditions and crop outlook. Even with the showers, over five days were suitable for fieldwork statewide. Several areas reported hail damage from the rain storms with some locally severe.

Corn planting is virtually complete in all areas of the State. This is the same as a year ago and near normal. Cutworm infestations are reportedly causing damage in all areas of the State, with the exception of the Panhandle, and replanting has been necessary in some cases. Most areas report corn is growing well, especially in irrigated fields. Nearly 70% of the counties reported corn condition as good or excellent compared to 90% last year at this time.

Sorghum planting increased to nearly 85% this past week. This compares to normal at 85% and 90% a year ago. Cutworms have also been causing some problems in sorghum fields. Soybeans are now over 90% planted, greater than the normal of 80% and a year ago at 85%.

Winter wheat is in mostly fair to good condition statewide. The average weighted condition for the State was 80%

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compared to 81% last week and 84% a year ago at this time. Reports ranged from poor to excellent. Rains improved the condition in some areas, but additional moisture is needed. To date, nearly 70% of the wheat has headed; the east central and southeast districts are nearly all headed.

Alfalfa is in mostly good condition statewide. Over 55% of the first cutting has now been harvested by farmers and dehydration mills. Alfalfa weevils continue to cause problems mostly in the eastern third of the State. Many growers are cutting and spraying the stubble to eliminate the weevil. Wild hay is in mostly fair to good condition.

<u>Dry bean</u> planting has begun in the western portion of the State. It should be in full swing in a few days.

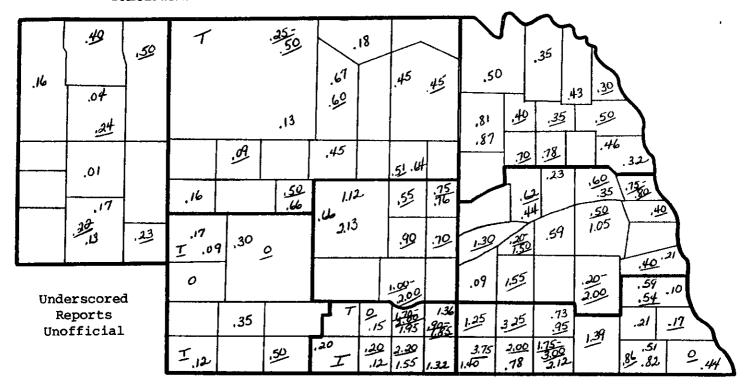
Topsoil moisture supplies improved during the week and are 33% short, 62% adequate, and 5% surplus in counties reporting as of last Friday. Subsoil moisture supplies remained the same as a week ago at 69% short. A year ago, the subsoil was only 16% short.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed supplies are short in 54% of the counties reporting. Continued rains are needed in many areas to revive the grassland. Some cattle have been taken off pastures as grass growth wasn't sufficient.

Precipitation, April 1 - June 6, 1975

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.60	.80	.90	1.40	.70	.90	1.00	.80
Total since April 1	5.40	3.90	7.30	5.40	6.90	5.50	7.00	7.50
Normal since April 1	5.65	6.07	7.20	6.65	7.45	5.69	6.76	7.81



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 P.M. SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 1975

			Precipitation			
	Station	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/
		Max	Min		Departure	10car menes 1/
NW	Chadron	86	37	65		.91
	Scottsbluff	89	45	67	+4	.53
	Sidney	85	44	62		.45
NC	Burwell	86	40	64		2.20
	Valentine	93	40	65	+1	.75
NE	Norfolk	84	47	67	0	2.53
	Sioux City	84	43	66	+2	.78
CEN	Grand Island	85	45	66	- 2	2.44
EC	Lincoln	84	45	67	-2	.93
	Omaha	86	46	68	-1	1.05
sw	Imperial	89	49	68		.40
	North Platte	88	45	65	0	2.20

 $[\]underline{1}$ / Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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